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Comments:

Examiner Lee:

Further to our April 21 telephone discussion, we enclose Form PTOL-413A and our proposed claim amendments. We would like to have a personal interview before May 15, if possible.

Thank you.

Gang Luo

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/849,032 First Named Applicant: Shougo SATO et al.
Examiner: S. LEE Art Unit: 2852 Status of Application: Non-final rejection

Tentative Participants:
(1) GANG LUO (50,519) (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: before may 15 **Proposed Time:** anytime between 10am-4pm (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:
(1) [ ] Telephonic (2) [X] Personal (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES [X] NO
If yes, provide brief description: current art rejection of claims.

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1)			[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2)			[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3)			[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4)			[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: See attached proposed claims

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:
This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).
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_____ _____
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1. An image-forming device, comprising:

an image-forming unit that includes an image-forming portion that forms an image on a recording medium, the image-forming unit being projected down onto an area in which the image-forming unit is installed, the area being divided into a front area and a rear area in a predetermined front-to-rear direction, **the image-forming portion having a front image-forming portion that is located on a front side of the image-forming unit and a rear image-forming portion that is located on a rear side of the image-forming unit, the front image-forming portion being projected onto the front area and the rear image-forming portion being projected onto the rear area;**

an image-scanning portion that scans an image from an original document **while conveying the original document**, the image-scanning portion being disposed on a **the** front side of the image-forming unit in the predetermined front-to-rear direction, the image-scanning portion being projected in the front area, the image-forming portion forming an image on a recording medium based on image data read by the image-scanning portion;

a control panel that enables a user to control the image-scanning portion and the image-forming portion, the control panel being disposed on the front side of the image-forming unit in the predetermined front-to-rear direction, the control panel being projected in the front area, **the control panel and the image-scanning portion being arranged in vertical alignment with the front image-forming portion on the front area;** and

a cover that is provided integrally with the operating panel and that covers the image-scanning portion.

12. (Currently Amended) An image-forming device, comprising:

an image-scanning portion that scans an image from an original document, the image-scanning portion including a document conveying portion that conveys the original document in a direction defined between a predetermined front side and a predetermined rear side of the image-scanning portion;

an image-forming unit that includes an image-forming portion that forms an image on a recording medium based on image data read by the image-scanning portion;

an original document supply tray that receives an original document to be supplied to the image-scanning portion;

an original document discharge tray that receives an original document discharged from the image-scanning portion;

a recording medium supply tray that receives a recording medium to be supplied to the image-forming portion; and

a recording medium discharge tray that receives a recording medium discharged from the image-forming portion;

the original document supply tray, the original document discharge tray, the recording medium discharge tray, the image-forming portion, and the recording medium supply tray being arranged in a vertical ~~alignment.~~alignment,

wherein the direction in which the recording medium is conveyed in the image-forming portion, and the direction in which the recording medium supply tray is attached and detached are substantially the same direction.

19. An image-forming device, comprising:

an image-scanning portion that scans an image from an original document **while conveying the original document**;

an image-forming unit that includes an image-forming portion that forms an image on a recording medium based on image data read by the image-scanning portion, the image-forming unit having a front side and a rear side, a front-to-rear direction being defined to extend from the front side to the rear side and a rear-to-front direction being defined to extend from the rear side to the front side, **the image-forming portion having a front image-forming portion that is located on the front side of the image-forming unit and a rear image-forming portion that is located on the rear side of the image-forming unit**;

a control panel that enables a user to control the image-scanning portion and the image-forming portion, the image-scanning portion and the control panel being disposed on the front side of the image-forming unit, **the control panel and the image-scanning portion being arranged in vertical alignment with the front image-forming portion**; and

a cover that is provided integrally with the operating panel and that covers the image-scanning portion.